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June 10, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

44 June 10, 2014

*Sachia A. Hamai*  
SACHIA HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AWARD OF A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT NO. 9  
IN THE CITIES OF ARTESIA, BELL GARDENS, COMMERCE,  
GLENDDORA, LAKEWOOD, PARAMOUNT, AND SOUTH EL MONTE  
AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF  
ATHENS VILLAGE AND SOUTH SAN JOSE HILLS  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to award a public works construction contract to Burtech Pipeline, Inc., for Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. 9 and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract for work in the Cities of Artesia, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Glendora, Lakewood, Paramount, and South El Monte and in the unincorporated communities of Athens Village and South San Jose Hills.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract and establish the effective date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for Project ID No. SMDACO0138 – Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. 9 for cleaning, video inspection, and lining of existing sanitary sewers in the Cities of Artesia, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Glendora, Lakewood, Paramount, and South El Monte and in the unincorporated communities of Athens Village and South San Jose Hills, to Burtech Pipeline, Inc., in the amount of \$232,000.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval of the project from the Board to award this construction contract and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the contract and establish the effective contract date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for this project.

On March 18, 2014, Agenda Item 42, the Board approved the project; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on April 15, 2014; and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project.

The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids, bid opening date, a tabulation of bids, the Instructions to Bidders, the hearing officer's determination, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposal are also enclosed for this project.

The recommended award of the construction contract is necessary to execute a Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works project in support of operational missions. The Board's approval of the recommended contract award and the subsequent execution of the contract will ensure the timely completion of the project.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Awarding this contract will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected cities and communities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This action will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The construction cost of \$232,000 is included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

The enclosure includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractor is in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The award of this contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. This contract contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered

Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On March 18, 2014, Agenda 42, the Board found this project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on the County website for upcoming bids. Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This construction contract will result in improved public works infrastructure in the cities and

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communities where the work is scheduled.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly legible.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
June 10, 2014

PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0138 – Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. 9, (in the Cities of Artesia, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Glendora, Lakewood, Paramount, and South El Monte and in the unincorporated communities of Athens Village and South San Jose Hills), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, lining of existing sanitary sewers, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 18, 2014 (Agenda Item 42)

BID OPENING DATE: April 15, 2014

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Burtech Pipeline, Inc. 102 Second Street Encinitas, California 92024 (760) 634-2822	\$232,000.00
2	Repipe California LP	\$233,968.00
3	Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corp.	\$265,438.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$294,450.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$232,000.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 62,450.00

The amount of recommended contract is 21 percent below the estimate.

Funding for this project is included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On March 18, 2014, Agenda Item 42, the Board found the project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September 2014 and be completed in October 2014.

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